

Victorian Freight and Logistics Industry Coronavirus (COVID-19) update

21 August 2020

Protocols for Domestic Border Controls – Freight Movements

The Victorian Government continues to work with National Cabinet and alongside industry to ensure Victoria's supply chain services can continue to move around Victoria and across borders in an efficient and safe way.

On 24 July, National Cabinet approved the [Protocol for Domestic Border Controls - Freight Movements](#) to create, as far as possible, a common approach to border restrictions around Australia to assist with the movement of freight without unnecessary delays.

To support the implementation of the Protocol, National Cabinet also agreed that compliance and enforcement measures would be developed in the form of a binding [Freight Movement Code](#). National Cabinet endorsed the Code on 7 August. Jurisdictions agreed to a target date of implementing the Code two weeks from this date.

Victoria will not conduct public asymptomatic testing

Victoria has not closed its borders, so is not required to enforce the code and will not be **publicly** testing freight operators who are asymptomatic.

Freight operators can take up the opportunity for **private** asymptomatic testing that can be organised through employers with **private** pathology laboratories.

Drivers who are asymptomatic and have their tests through a **private** laboratory are **NOT** required to self-isolate while waiting for their results.

Freight operators travelling within Metropolitan Melbourne still need to comply with Stage 4 directions, including having an appropriate COVID-safe plan and [permitted worker permit](#).

States and territories providing pop up testing facilities

Some states and territories will provide pop up testing facilities at suitable locations such as truck stops and other heavy vehicle rest or service areas to ensure large vehicles, protection of loads (livestock, dangerous goods and perishable items) and driver/community safety, can be accommodated.

Where to get tested for the coronavirus (COVID-19) in South Australia? [South Australia COVID-19 Clinics and Testing Centres](#)

Where to get tested for the coronavirus (COVID-19) in NSW? [NSW COVID-19 testing clinics](#)

Applications to cross borders out of Victoria must be submitted through the relevant state or territory as they are responsible for their own border processes and are the best source of information for changes.

The Victorian Government has been working very closely with other states and territories as well as the transport and logistics industry to ensure consistency of requirements for freight workers where border controls are in place.

Business Victoria Coronavirus Business Support

The Workplace (Additional Industry Obligations) Directions (No 3) are now in force and will be updated on the Business Victoria Coronavirus Business Support webpage.

A dedicated Industry Coordination Centre has been set up within the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions to support businesses and consider 'grey area' cases to determine if businesses can safely operate under Stage 4 restrictions.



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If you are a small to medium business looking for information or assistance relating to coronavirus (COVID-19), please see the [Business Victoria Coronavirus Business Support](#) page.

Business Victoria is part of the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions. For help with your business or to ask a question about the website contact Business Victoria (Local call) on **13 22 15**.

West Gate Freeway disruptions start 21 August

As part of Victoria's Big Build, West Gate Tunnel Project works continue to widen the West Gate Freeway from 8 to 12 through lanes.

Please be aware of the following disruptions:

- Millers Road inbound entry and exit ramp closed – From Friday 21 August to Monday 5 October
- Millers Road under West Gate Freeway interchange closed in both directions – from Friday 4 September to Monday 5 October.
- Ongoing closures of the West Gate Freeway in August and September as crews shift traffic onto outer lanes, to enable widening works to start on the centre median.

Make sure you regularly visit Victoria's Big Build for the latest dates and detour information <bigbuild.vic.gov.au/disruptions>

Please email community@transport.vic.gov.au if you need more details about the winter transport works.

For more information

Freight Victoria in the Department of Transport is the central point of contact for Victorian Government industry information.

Further enquiries should be directed to freightvictoria@transport.vic.gov.au

This update will be sent to you monthly or as required.